

## Interstate Agreement for Applicants from Other States

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### Interstate Agreement

New York has interstate contracts with over 40 other states and jurisdictions. As outlined in the Interstate Agreement of Qualification of Educational Personnel, published by the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC), a person prepared in one of the contract states who meets the conditions of the contract is eligible for certification in other member states.

The conditions are either:

(1) Completion of an approved program of teacher preparation leading to a certificate comparable to a New York State certificate.

If you complete an acceptable program on or after January 1, 1995 and wish a "first regular" certificate from New York or any other state participating in the Interstate Agreement, you should apply directly to the certification agency in that state indicating that you wish to take advantage of the Interstate Agreement on Qualification of Educational Personnel.

(2) Possession of a valid certificate comparable to a New York State certificate, and three years experience.

If you hold a first regular certificate based on a baccalaureate or higher degree a state participating in the Interstate Agreement, and have a total of at least three years of successful regular educational experience in the past seven years (including at least two years under the first regular certificate), you meet the educational requirements for a comparable certificate (in title and in form) in any of the participating states. The institution at which you completed the teacher preparatory work is not germane.

The interstate recognition referred to here applies only to the educational requirements for a certificate. You must still meet any additional requirement relating to character, health, competency testing and/or citizenship. Also, if you have only a bachelor's degree and the state to which you apply requires a graduate degree/study for the first regular certificate, you may not qualify.

Apply directly to the state education agency of the state from which you wish a certificate and indicate that you wish to take advantage of the Interstate Agreement on Qualification of Educational Personnel.

New York maintains a list of [teacher preparatory programs](#) that are acceptable for purposes of interstate recognition. States that approve programs for purposes of the

Interstate Agreement annually publish similar lists, available from the respective state education agencies.

**Qualifying for a New York State Certificate**

Applicants for a New York State certificate must satisfy one of the two basic conditions (above), and also must obtain qualifying scores on the New York State Teacher Certification Examinations to obtain a first-level (Initial or Provisional) certificate. However, applicants who have not yet completed the testing requirement, may obtain a Conditional Certificate (see below.)

**Qualifying for a Conditional New York State Certificate**

Applicants who satisfy one of the two basic conditions (above), but who have not yet obtained qualifying scores on the New York State Teacher Certification Examinations, may apply for a Conditional Initial certificate. The Conditional certificate is valid for two years, during which time the teacher must satisfy the examination requirement for a regular Initial certificate. If the testing requirement is satisfied within this period, a regular Initial certificate will be issued, valid for five years from the effective date of the Conditional certificate. Candidates issued Initial certificates must still satisfy all graduate degree, mentoring, experience, and workshop requirements for the Professional certificate.

**States Party to the Interstate Agreement on Qualification of Educational Personnel**

The states and other jurisdictions participating in the current Interstate Agreement (2005-2010) are listed below. New York State accepts certificates in the following categories from the participating States listed below:

- a = teachers
- c = school support professionals
- d = vocational education personnel

Alabama (a,c)	Nebraska (a)
Arizona (a)	Nevada (a)
Arkansas (a)	New Hampshire (a)
California (a)	New Jersey (a)
Colorado (a,c,d)	New Mexico (a)
Connecticut (a,c)	North Carolina (a,c,d)
Delaware (a)	North Dakota (a)
District of Columbia (a,c,d)	Ohio (a)
DODEA (a,d)	Oklahoma (a,c,d)
Florida (a,c)	Oregon (a,c,d)
Georgia (a,d)	Pennsylvania (a)
Hawaii (a)	Rhode Island (a,c,d)
Idaho (a)	South Carolina (a,c)
Indiana (a,c)	South Dakota (a,c,d)
Kentucky (a)	Tennessee (a,c,d)
Maine (a,c,d)	Texas (a,c,d)

Maryland (a,c,d)	Utah (a,c,d)
Massachusetts (a,c)	Vermont (a)
Michigan (a,c)	Virginia (a,c,d)
Mississippi (a,c,d)	Washington (a,c)
Missouri (a)	West Virginia (a,c,d)
Montana (a,d)	Wisconsin (a)
	Wyoming (a,c,d)

### **How to Apply**

The process of applying for a New York state certificate under the Interstate Agreement is the same as others who [Apply Through Individual Evaluation](#).

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